

The fifth meeting of the “Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign language Theory” (FEAST) colloquium will take place at the University of Venice on September 1-2, 2016. FEAST is a regular forum to discuss formal approaches to sign language grammar (in particular in the generative tradition), experimental approaches to sign languages, and their interaction. Keynote speakers are Carol Padden (University of California, San Diego) and Naama Friedmann (Tel Aviv University). For the coming four years, FEAST is the official conference of the research project “The Sign Hub: Preserving, Researching and Fostering the Linguistic, Historical and Cultural Heritage of European Deaf Signing Communities with an Integral Resource” (2016-2020) funded by the European Commission within the Horizon 2020 programme. The official languages of the conference will be English and ASL. Interpreting between ASL and English will be provided. Attendance is free. The website of the conference is: <https://sites.google.com/site/feastconference/home/conferences/feast-venice-2016>

PROGRAM FEAST 2016
 Venice September 1-2, 2016
 Auditorium Santa Margherita, Venice

September 1, 2016

- 8:15-8:45 Registration
- 8:45 Welcome and opening
- 9:00 *Iconicity and morphology*
 Carol Padden - invited speaker (University of California, San Diego)
- 9:50 *Psych-verb constructions in Sign Language of the Netherlands (NGT)*
 Marloes Oomen (University of Amsterdam)
- 10:30 *Is it going backwards? Not really!*
 Carlo Geraci (CNRS, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris), Lara Mantovan (Ca' Foscari University Venice), Valentina Aristodemo (CNRS, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris)
- 11:10 Coffee break
- 11:40 *How to lick a plate clean in DGS: Resultative constructions in German Sign Language*
 Cornelia Loos (University of Texas at Austin)
- 12:20 *Transitivizing strategies for motion predicates in 3 Sign Languages*
 Elena Benedicto (Purdue University)
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:20 *The effect of a classifier predicate on the word order in an SVO sign language*
 Matic Pavlic (Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts)
- 15:00 *Word-internal coordination in handling classifier predicates*
 Vadim Kimmelman, Roland Pfau, Enoch Aboh (University of Amsterdam)
- 15:40 Poster presentation
- 16:10 Coffee break
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- 17:20 *Factors favouring instrument promotion in sign language predicates*
 Diane Brentari, Emre Hakgüder, Kat Montemurro (University of Chicago)



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- 18:00 *Representation of Event Semantics in Predicate Signs and Gestures*
 Natasha Abner, Ryan King, Marta Russonniello (Montclair State University)
- 18:40 Business meeting
- 20:00 Social dinner

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- 9:00 *Bare NPs and Number Specification in ASL*
 Helen Koulidobrova (Central Connecticut State University)
- 9:40 *When one patterns someone: Defining the properties of two indefinite pronouns in Catalan Sign Language (LSC)*
 Gemma Barberà (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Patricia Cabredo (CNRS, Paris 8)
- 10:20 *Adjunct subordinate: the case of temporal clauses in LIS*
 Valentina Aristodemo, Carlo Geraci, Mirko Santoro (CNRS, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris)
- 11:00 *Towards a formal account of non-restrictive relative clauses in LIS*
 Lara Mantovan (Ca' Foscari University Venice)
- 11:40 Coffee break
- 12:10 *Emergence of a subordinate construction in a sign language: Intonation ploughs the field for morphosyntax*
 Svetlana Dachkovsky, Wendy Sandler (University of Haifa)
- 12:50 Lunch break
- 14:20 *Revisiting the non-manual marker 'bn' in TİD*
 Serpil Karabüklü (Boğaziçi University)
- 15:00 *Manipulating nonmanuals in a lexical decision task: a reaction time study of German Sign Language (DGS)*
 Nina-Kristin Pendzich, Markus Steinbach, Annika Herrmann (University of Göttingen)
- 15:40 Poster presentation
- 16:05 Coffee break
- 16:30 Poster session
- 17:10 *Pointing to the right side: An ERP study on anaphora resolution in German Sign Language*
 Anne Wienholz, Derya Nuhbalaoglu, Annika Herrmann, Edgar Onea, Markus Steinbach, Nivedita Mani (University of Göttingen)
- 17:50 *Syntactic difficulties in the spoken language of orally-trained individuals with hearing-impairment*
 Naama Friedman - invited speaker (Tel Aviv University)
- 18:40 Closing session

Posters

September 1st, 2016

Classifications of modal-like expressions in Japanese Sign Language: a preliminary study to investigate the cartography of the right periphery
 Kazumi Matsuoka (Keio University)

Discourse functions of palm-up in German Sign Language (DGS)
 Elisabeth Volk (University of Göttingen)



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Simultaneous and sequential compounds in LIS: Preliminary results from a perceptual experiment
Mirko Santoro (CNRS, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris)

Conditional clauses in DGS and LIBRAS - A systematic comparison
Liona Paulus (University of Göttingen)

MIL2 signers: Accent and linguistic characteristics of Deaf bilingual signers
Shane Blau (Gallaudet University)

The underestimated power of transitional movements within syntactic processing in Austrian Sign Language (ÖGS)
Julia Krebs (University of Salzburg), Ronnie Wilbur (Purdue University), Dietmar Roehm (University of Salzburg)

September 2nd, 2016

The syntax of finiteness in ÍTM
Jóhannes Gísli Jónsson, Rannveig Sverrisdóttir (University of Iceland), Kristín Lena Þorvaldsdóttir (The Centre for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Reykjavík)

Weak drop in Shangai Sign Language
Shengyun Gu (East China Normal University, University of Connecticut)

Relationship between executive function and sign language skills in school-aged deaf children
Justyna Kotowicz (Uniwersytet Jagielloński), Magda Schromova (Uniwersytet Warszawski), Bencie Woll (University College of London), Rosalind Herman (City University London), Maria Kielar-Turska (Uniwersytet Jagielloński), Joanna Łacheta (Uniwersytet Warszawski)

Is mouthing a core component of sign languages?
Beatrice Giustolisi, Emiliano Mereghetti (University of Milano-Bicocca), Carlo Cecchetto (Université de Paris 8, CNRS - UMR 7023 Structures Formelles du Langage)

Gradual recruitment of body articulations for discourse structuring in a young sign language
Rose Stamp, Svetlana Dachkovsky, Gal Belsitzman, Wendy Sandler (University of Haifa)

